

# Twisp Compound Detailed Building Description...

The following residential, warehouse, office, workshop, covered parking, and specialized buildings exist on this Twisp Ranger Station Administrative site:



**Building no. 1012 (older residence):** This house, which adjoins 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the north end of the Twisp Ranger Station compound, was constructed in 1932 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). It is a well maintained, 1500 gross square foot, two story wood frame single family residence which includes one bathroom, one large bedroom upstairs and another smaller bedroom downstairs. Remodeling completed in 1985, provided a fully functional modern kitchen. This

home is electrically heated. A fireplace has been equipped with a fireplace insert for added heating efficiency. The full unfinished basement houses the laundry room and storage space with some added storage shelving. The exterior siding consist of horizontal lap board siding.

Water is provided from the Town of Twisp community water system via the single metered line coming into the compound. Sewage from this residence is disposed of directly from the house to the city sewer system collector line along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the North.

Low temperatures and heavy snowfall are prevalent in the winter in the area. It is not uncommon for there to be 2-3 feet of snow lingering on the ground through much of the winter at Twisp. Consequently all roofs on the buildings associated with the Twisp Ranger Station Administrative Site are metal roofs, which will shed snow fairly quickly, particularly when the building beneath them is heated.

A fenced back yard is nicely landscaped with mature shrubs, trees, and a fruit tree.

**Building no. 1013 (older residence):** This house, built in 1934 by the CCC, is located a



short distance south of the house no. 1012, described above. This well maintained three bedroom older home, is also a 1500 square foot, two story wood frame single family residence. There is one large bedroom upstairs with a large master bedroom and a smaller bedroom located on the ground floor. This

house also has only one bathroom, which is on the ground floor. A remodel of the kitchen which added an "L" shaped counter improved its function and efficiency. Like its neighboring 1930's era house, this building no. 1013 has a fireplace with an insert for added heating efficiency, however it is also equipped with electric heat.

Water is provided from the Twisp community water system via the single metered line coming into the compound. Sewage from this residence is disposed of directly from the house to the city sewer system collector line along 5<sup>th</sup> avenue to the north.

The exterior siding consists primarily of horizontal lap board siding. Like its neighbor, this home has its own fenced back yard with lawn, and mature trees and shrubs.

Building no. 1507 (shared garage for buildings 1012 and 1013): Both buildings no.



1012 and 1013 share a driveway and one wood framed lap wood sided double car garage which sits between the backyards of the two houses. This 550 sq. ft. two door double car garage (building no. 1507) is set back between the back corners of each of the two older residences described above. This shared garage building was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936.

This shared garage has only a partial interior wall between the spaces for two vehicles inside, so it truly represents a "shared garage and driveway" arrangement.

Building no. 1036 (smaller rambler style residence): This newer wood frame, wood



sided rambler style house, built in 1963, occupies the far northwestern corner of this Twisp Ranger Station Administrative Site. Building no. 1036 is a well maintained two bedroom 2000 sq. ft., wood frame single family residence. There are two smaller bathrooms in this house and an attached, insulated garage at the east end of the building. Although it is currently rented as a single family home, it has been used as a day care center in the past. Like the three other single-family residences on this property, the back yard is fenced and the

entire yard is landscaped with lawn and trees.

This home lacks a basement and a fireplace. This building is headed electrically. Water is provided from the Twisp community water system via the single metered line coming into the compound. Sewage from this residence is disposed of directly from the house to the city sewer system collector line along fifth ave. to the north.

**Building no. 1034 (larger rambler style residence):** This newer wood frame, wood sided rambler style house, built in 1959, is located just east of the smaller rambler-style residence noted directly above. Both the smaller and larger rambler style residences front



on and have direct vehicle access to 5<sup>th</sup> St. This building is a well maintained single family residence that includes three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a full basement and attached garage. Its west end consists of an attached single car garage. Building no. 1034 has a nice large fireplace, but lacks a fireplace insert. This home is electrically heated. The yard is well landscaped with a well kept lawn and mature native trees and the backyard, away from 5<sup>th</sup> Street, is fully

fenced.

Water is provided from the Twisp community water system via the single metered line coming into the compound. Sewage from this residence is disposed of directly from the house to the city sewer system collector line along Fifth Avenue to the north.

The four residence buildings described above are all connected to Twisp's city sewer system collector line along 5<sup>th</sup> street. Sewage from the remainder of the compound exits via collector lines along Methow Street to the east.

**Building no. 2004 (bunkhouse- crew housing):** This two story bunkhouse sits immediately south of the older building 1013 residence described above. Its location puts it adjacent to the large paved interior of this Twisp Ranger Station Administrative Site.



This large older bunkhouse facility was constructed in 1934, most likely by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Its gross square footage is listed as 1,966 square feet, which probably does not include its full unfinished low ceiling basement. The basement houses a newer electric furnace and provides considerable storage space with some shelving units. This basement may have been used for employee housing in the not-too-distant past because it has

been fitted with a newer good sized escape window in the north wall. The basement no longer appears to be used for employee housing.

The second floor of this building consists of four large bedrooms surrounding a generous size landing at the top of the stairs. Each of these rooms seems suitable for several beds. The main or first floor consists of a front and back entrance, two adjacent good sized bathrooms, a comfortable living room-dining room section at the front of the house and a reasonable sized kitchen along the north wall adjacent to the dining room. Just inside the

back door there is a smaller room to the right which could easily be used as a small office space or an individual bedroom.

Water is provided from the Twisp Community water system via the single metered line coming into the compound from Fifth Ave. Sewage from this residence is disposed of via the city sewer system collector line along Methow Street to the east.

## Building no. 2008 (L shaped split level main office building):



This 4,680 square foot split level office building was originally built in 1962. This building has been remodeled at least twice to accommodate more employees since its original construction in 1962. Separate rest rooms for men and women are located near the main parking area entrance and a handicapped restroom facility was installed during the latest split level expansion, however was never effectively accessible due to its location in the new

addition up a short flight of stairs from the main public entrance.

NOTE: Due to a problem with the septic line under the NE corner of this building not all of the bathrooms in the building are currently operational. It is unknown how much work is needed to make the necessary repairs to the sewer line.

### **Building no. 2203 (Fire Warehouse)**



This 6,650 square foot heavy-wood construction warehouse and fire cache was built in 1939 and is a typical example of that era of Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) construction, complete with the three green tree cutouts on both north and south ends of the building. This building is located in the south half of the compound and lies parallel to and a short distance away from the east boundary of the Twisp Ranger Station Compound. The structure consist of a full second story and full basement, although, only

the middle 1/3 of the basement is usable as storage. The exterior is sided with horizontally applied wide wooden boards. The main floor has been partitioned off into various size rooms to allow for added efficiency. This building and its layout could be described as "Classic CCC Forest Service" as it is similar to other such CCC built warehouse buildings within the National Forest System.

One small section of the building is used as a rodent proof seed storage area. A loading dock is located on the long dimension (west side) of the building, fronting on the asphalt covered center of the compound. This building includes a single restroom. Unlike most buildings on this compound, this fire warehouse building no. 2203 is not heated.

#### **Building no. 2204 (Recreation and Trails Warehouse)**



Like the fire warehouse building above, this two story 6,566 sq. ft. building was not only constructed by the CCC in 1939, but is also located a very short distance south of the fire warehouse building and oriented in the same direction along the east boundary of the Twisp Compound.

The full length of the second story is available for storage. The downstairs has been separated in to an office, small conference

room, lockable storage cages, two separate restrooms and two other rooms which have been used in the past for a communications shop which has been wired for 220 volt electrical service. A large multi-paned window on the south end of this building provides a good source of natural light during the winter, allowing for better illumination of the work bench beneath it. A three single car garage doors, as well as two regular sized pedestrian doors, provide direct access into the shop from the west.

# **Covered Vehicle Storage Sheds:**

## Building no. 2303 (Southernmost covered vehicle and equipment storage shed)



vehicles.

Vehicle and equipment storage building 2303, which was built in 1952, is located a short distance south of and at right angles to the southwest corner of the Recreation and Trails warehouse. The east end of this facility has been boarded up to provide a secure, lockable room. The remainder of the building is open vehicle storage which lies adjacent to the asphalt paved center of the compound. It appears that this 2,639 sq. ft. shed, with its four open bays could likely accommodate up to seven full sized

# Building no. 2304 (Southernmost east-facing covered vehicle storage and equipment storage shed)

Vehicle and equipment storage building 2304, also built in 1952, lies a short distance north of and at a right angle to the northwest corner of the



southernmost vehicle storage building 2303. This 25 year old storage building is divided into 4 open sections, which could likely provide spaces for up to 8 vehicles to park.



# Building no. 2305 (Northernmost east-facing covered vehicle and equipment storage shed)

This building was built in 1953 and is approximately 2,639 sq. ft. The northernmost bay of this covered parking shed no. 2305 has been walled off to form a locked storage area. The remaining open vehicle parking sections could likely provide spaces for up to 8 vehicles to park out of the weather.

# Building no. 2507 (Gas and oil storage shed)

This is a small 150 sq. ft. all metal building built in 1961. It's only a storage building for containerized gas and oil products, it is not associated with an underground gas tank pump. All underground storage tanks associated with this Twisp Ranger Station Administrative Site were removed in 2005.



# Twisp Road Maintenance Shop – building no. 2100 (Twisp Road Maintenance Shop)



This is 4,860 sq. ft. high peak-roofed corrugated metal road maintenance storage and vehicle maintenance building in the northeast portion of the Twisp Ranger Station Site lies in the northeast corner of the property, parallel to and a very short distance from the east boundary of the Twisp Ranger Station compound. Both the Twisp and Tonasket Ranger District's roads are maintenance by the several employees based out of this road maintenance shop.

This building is a well designed, stoutly built, and functional structure that as been well maintained during its 70 year life. It appears to be well suited for equipment storage and maintenance work. This corrugated metal sided structure contains a spacious office on its southeastern corner and sufficient open space in the middle of the building to provide room for two large parking bays. These two large open work areas are connected by an interior door to a third separate equipment bay along the north end of the building. The garage doors are tall enough and wide enough to accommodate the passage of road graders and a backhoe on a trailer, which can easily be stored or maintained there.

This road maintenance building includes a restroom, partial open balcony above the south end of the building which overlooks the two bay work area and a low-ceiling basement room under the south end of the building. Both the low-ceiling basement and the partial balcony, are accessible from their own flight of narrow stairs.

### Vehicle and equipment storage building no. 2302



This northernmost and oldest vehicle and equipment storage shed was built in 1934. It is situated in the northeast corner of the Twisp Administrative Site compound between the tree cooler (building 1309) and the road maintenance shop (building 2100). This openfront, 2,966 sq. ft. metal-roofed corrugated metal sided building is divided into four vehicle or equipment parking bays and a more secure, walled in road crew storage area on the east end. The large attic of this

building could provide a large storage area.

## **Building no. 1309 (Tree cooler – Storage Building)**



This newest addition to the Twisp Administrative Site was built in 1985. Its main purpose is to keep bundles of conifer tree seedlings cool and moist prior to planting on cut-over timber lands.

The east end of the interior of the building consists of a good sized metal-lined cooler room where bundled tree seedlings are kept healthy and moist in a temperature and humidity controlled environment prior to planting. The west end of this building consists of an open non-climate

controlled storage work area, which includes the electronic controls for the cooler room and a rest room. The exterior of this specialized wood-sided, metal roof building has an extended roof line over a loading dock and ramp on the north side to allow for ease of loading and unloading bundles of tree seedlings.